

(Staff photo by Patrick Foley)

**THE FATE OF WEBSTER SCHOOL** will be discussed at a public hearing Tuesday night. Closing the 98-year-old structure and reopening the newer Lake School, 3201 East 23rd St., is proposed by the school district.

## Webster's closing to go before public Tuesday

By Nicole Vaughn  
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — A public forum Tuesday night will give residents one last chance to get their "two cents' worth" in on the proposed move of students from Webster School to Lake School. The move, affecting 350 children, would take effect with the fall term in late August. The meeting is slated for 7 p.m. Tuesday at Webster, E. 25th and Kate streets. School officials anticipate little, if any, opposition to the move from the nearly-century-old building. "We've had three previous meetings, but it never hurts to give them another chance," District 9 Superintendent Gib Walmley said. Walmley said he felt confident about support for the move based on the response of parents and residents at the other meetings concerning the move, held early last year. "I've gotten nothing but positive input from parents," Webster Principal Helen Schmisse said. "The building is in very poor shape and most are anxious to move."

There are at least several concerns. Third Ward Alderman Paul Fisk said.

"I have no objections to the closing of the school," Fisk said. "My concern is what is going to happen to the property and the building." Fisk lives a few houses from the school. Fisk said he was also concerned about rumors he'd heard projecting the moving of the Education Therapy Center to Webster E.T.C., which deals with behaviorally troubled students, currently occupies one wing of Lake School. "If that's true, I want to know why it's (Webster School) all right for one group but not for another," Fisk said. Fisk said he'd been approached by several people with similar concerns. He said he told them to attend the forum. "I intend to be there and I intend to ask some questions."

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## Venice juggles money

VENICE — The City Council held a special session Thursday night to approve the transfer of \$100,000 from one account to another in order to meet financial obligations. The aldermen approved the transfer of the money from an account earmarked for pay-

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ments to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. The money went into the general fund and was used to help meet a monthly city payroll of about \$20,000, a four-month bill payment due Friday to Illinois Power Co., and an overdraft of almost \$2,000 at the First National Bank in Madison. City Comptroller Roseann Koelker said the funds never should have been in the retirement fund. She said the money was for the city's Social Security contributions during the last two years and should have been in the general fund all along. Koelker said she would now have to "backtrack to figure out how much is involved."

## Vet confirms dead dog was one shot earlier

By Valerie Evenden  
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — The Doberman Pinscher killed by a police officer last Monday was the same animal wounded Chief Ron Selph said Thursday. A veterinarian who examined the dog confirmed that the animal had been shot twice, Selph said. The dog was killed with a shotgun by Sgt. John Apperson about 3:30 p.m. Jan. 2 outside the home of Tammy Magyar in the 2500 block of North Street. Police reported the dog had earlier been pursued, and wounded with a shotgun, near

A.O. Smith Corp. on Missouri Avenue. Magyar had maintained that her dog was let out of the house only minutes before the fatal shooting and that the dog was shot by mistake. She said another animal must have been responsible for incidents involving a Doberman, which had been roaming the area, frightening residents. The dog being sought had charged and bared its teeth at a 12-year-old boy in his yard at 2:45 p.m. Jan. 2, and then charged two teen-agers walking down a North Granite street shortly afterward. Officers chased the dog some distance before it disappeared into a salvage yard

and then reappeared on the other side of the property and was seen several houses away from the Magyar address. The animal also allegedly bit a 6-year-old boy on Nov. 25 and again on Dec. 12. Many complaints about a Doberman running loose had been received by the police department, and humane officers reported they were unable to catch the dog. Police Chief Jim Lengyel said that because of the seriousness of the complaints, police would be forced to shoot the dog if it could not be captured. An officer definitely identified the dog as the same animal the officers had been

chasing and fired at before getting clearance to kill the animal, Lengyel said. After verifying there were two wounds, police officers said they were certain that the dog killed was the same one sought — there was no mistaken identity, they asserted. The Doberman reportedly wore no collar and had no identification tags. Police described it as very thin and unkempt. The Doberman's rabies tags expired in October, authorities learned later. Police were not aware the dog belonged on the property where it was killed, Lengyel said.

## Four (?) mayoral hopefuls, others crowd ballot

By Mike Myers  
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — With the first filing date about a week away, 33 candidates have picked up petitions for the April city election. Or maybe 32. Martha Ann Dorris, of the 3100 block of Aubrey, is listed in the city clerk's office as having picked up petitions for mayor. "I'm not running for mayor," she said Friday. "I didn't pick them up. This is some nut in town that's been bothering me — maybe they did."

Cruse, Street Superintendent Mae Warfield and Archie Lupardis, 2441 Edwards St., have picked up petitions for mayor. Treasurer Gail Valle and Paul Ray Bowler, vice president of the Granite City School Board, and City Inspector Erv DeRousse have entered the treasurer race. Valle was appointed by Cruse in 1987 after Nick Petrillo died. DeRousse was also appointed by Cruse, who has called DeRousse the "Hardest working man in the city."

Alderman Dan Partney. Partney and Cruse have since parted politically. DeRousse said he supports Cruse for mayor, but doesn't expect Cruse to support him. "He's got to stand by his appointment," he said. "If he didn't, I wouldn't have any respect for him." DeRousse refused to comment on DeRousse entering the race, but said he stands by all his appointments. "Well, if I were Gail Valle I'd be worried," Bowler said. "But I say the more the merrier."

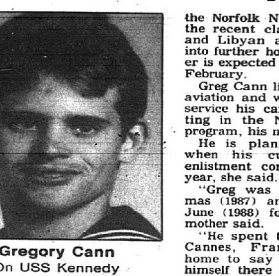
"As for Bowler, I think he speaks for himself," she said. Bowler is under federal indictment for allegedly lying to the Department of Housing and Urban Development on an application for insurance for buildings he owned on Oakmont Drive in Pontoon Beach. "I'll be cleared way before the election," Bowler said. "I plan on winning." "I'm going to be first in line to file," said Valle. "I'm going to win." "Let the race begin." "I'm going to win," said DeRousse. "When I do, I'm going to offer Gail the job of top assistant. Why not?"

## Sailor's mother thankful USS Kennedy safe

By Valerie Evenden  
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — "We are very thankful that the Kennedy is safe," Marie Cann said Friday. Her 21-year-old son Gregory works on the launching dock of the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS John F. Kennedy, home of two Navy F-14 Tomcat jet fighters that dived two Libyan MIG 23s off the coast of Libya early Wednesday. "We were shocked when we heard about it. My aunt called about 7 a.m. (Wednesday) and we started watching all the news on CNN, CBS and other channels. We also saw the photos of the action on television and you could see our pilots were defending themselves. I am so glad they (the pilots) are well trained," Cann said Friday. "If our pilots had not been ready and had not reacted properly, it could have been a disaster. It's frightening to think about the Libyan pilots kept coming and could have been told to make a strike. If they had hit

the Kennedy (with a missile), many people could have died. "Our son might have been one of them, as he works on the flight deck near the catapults launching the planes. "He takes care of the aircraft and makes them secure. We are really thankful that our service people are alert and are safe," Marie Cann said. "That man apparently is insane," she said, referring to Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi. The U.S. Navy pilots tried to evade the Libyans but fired four air-to-air missiles when "the Libyans aircraft continued to close in a hostile manner," Defense Secretary Frank C. Carlucci said Wednesday. The Kennedy and other ships in the Sixth Fleet were on routine Mediterranean training exercises and operating in international waters and international airspace at the time of the incident, Carlucci said. Petty Officer 3rd Class Gregory D. Cann, a son of Paul and Marie Cann of Lakeview Drive, is making his second cruise aboard the USS Kennedy. He has been in the Navy for 3½ years.



Gregory Cann  
On USS Kennedy

A 1984 honors graduate of Granite City High School, he was assigned to the nuclear-powered carrier after finishing boat training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center near Chicago. The aircraft carrier departed in August on a six-month Mediterranean deployment from its homeport in Oceana, Va., part of

the Norfolk Naval Base. Unless the recent clash between U.S. and Libyan aircraft escalates into further hostilities, the carrier is expected back in Norfolk in February. Greg Cann likes being in Navy aviation and wants to make the service his career, perhaps getting in the Navy's aerospace program, his mother said. He is planning to re-enlist when his current four-year enlistment concludes later this year, she said. "Greg was home last Christmas (1987) and came home in June (1988) for a holiday," his mother said. He spent this Christmas in Cannes, France, and called home to say he was enjoying himself there and was planning to go to see the Alps. Greg's younger brother, Steven L. Cann, also is serving in the Navy. Steve, 18, a 1988 graduate of Granite City High School, volunteered immediately after graduation for a six-year tour of duty. Currently, he is studying advanced electronics at the U.S. Navy base in Groton, Conn.

## Police department reassigns officers

By Valerie Evenden  
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — Several immediate changes in assignments among key personnel in the Police Department were announced last week by Chief James Lengyel. "All the guys involved are top-notch personnel and all are veterans," said Assistant Chief Ron Selph. The reassignments will continue standards of the department and are not steps to improve a specific area, Selph said. "They are normal, routine rotations or they are being made at the officer's request for a change of assignment," he said. "Only one job has been created and that is in an area where it was sorely needed," Selph said. He was referring to Lt. Don Knight's new position as operations lieutenant.

Assignment changes include: •Capt. Gerald Pinkerton to head the Service Division. •Capt. Glenn Wright to supervise the Detective Division. •Lt. Knight changes to operations with the Service Division. •Sgt. David Ruebhausen to the Patrol Division. •Sgt. Richard Schardan to the Detective Division. •Patrolmen Terry May and Robert Krause to the Patrol Division, and Patrolmen Donald Petrillo and Michael A. Gaglio to the Detective Division. Pinkerton, a 30-year veteran with the department and the recipient of numerous commendations, was in charge of the Detective Division from Oct. 6, 1986, until his reassignment. He started with the department Aug. 1, 1988, and was promoted to sergeant in 1971 and to lieutenant in 1977. He was promoted to sergeant in 1977. He was promoted to sergeant in 1977. He was promoted to sergeant in 1977. (See POLICE, Page 6A)

**25**  
years ago

Thursday, Jan. 9, 1964  
A spectacular fire of unknown origin destroyed the Hollis Lumber Co., 3030 Madison Avenue, and threatened the time nearby homes and school early Wednesday. The loss was estimated at \$145,000.

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**Taxpayers need these numbers**  
THE 1988 ILLINOIS 1040 Income Tax Form will again ask taxpayers to provide their school district code. Madison County Regional Superintendent of Schools Harry Briggs Jr. said the numbers are: Granite City Unit District 12, 0620; Madison Unit District 12, 0823; Venice Unit District 3, 0826.



**DELIVERING A MESSAGE:** State Rep. Sam Wolf delivers another attack of petitions opposing the electric rate increase requested by Illinois Power Co. Petitions were secured by POWER, a Quad City group organized to oppose utility rate increases it regards as excessive. The petitions were presented to Rose Claggett, chief clerk of the Illinois Commerce Commission, on Dec. 21.

## Federal anti-poverty funds allocated

Illinois has been awarded \$15,644,718 through the federal Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program to assist the state and local communities in alleviating poverty.

Included are \$337,233 for St. Clair County, \$276,436 for Madison County and \$69,038 for Monroe, Perry and Randolph counties.

The award, allocated to the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs (DCCA) by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), will fund anti-poverty activities in 1989.

"Poverty knows few boundaries. It cuts across nearly every community in our state," Gov. James R. Thompson said.

"Through the CSBG program, DCCA is working with community action agencies to develop workable programs to solve the problems of poverty."

"This is accomplished in many ways. Some people need immediate assistance, food, shelter or medicine."

Others need long-term assistance — help to gain the skills, knowledge and motivation to become self-sufficient. CSBG provides the funding which enables our state to meet these needs."

Conforming to federal law, 90 percent of the CSBG program funds are allocated to the 36 community action agencies in Illinois, using a formula based on poverty populations in each region.

Five percent is allocated to eligible grantees for discretionary anti-poverty programs, and the remaining 5 percent of the funds statewide go for administrative and technical assistance activities.

Services typically include education programs, emergency assistance, housing, income management, nutrition and other programs to assist low-income people.

Director Jay R. Hedges said DCCA also has made economic

development a top priority under CSBG, requiring each community action agency to commit at least 10 percent of its annual CSBG funding to programs designed to help low-income people become employed.

The CSBG loan program is described as an important part of that effort.

"Working with the U.S. Small Business Administration, DCCA designed this loan program in 1982 to help local action agencies encourage economic development in their communities while providing jobs for their clients," Hedges said.

"Since 1983, 267 loans have been made through the loan program, using \$9.7 million in CSBG funding to leverage over \$60 million in private financing."

The result: 2,900 jobs have been created or retained for low-income workers."

Hedges said the CSBG loans provide long-term, fixed-rate financing to new or expanding Illinois businesses through a

combination of conventional capital and low-interest CSBG funds.

For each \$5,000 received, businesses must create and fill one job with a CSBG-eligible client.

The local CSBG agencies make the loans, make the job referrals, monitor the hiring compliance and collect the payments.

As the principal is repaid, it is placed in a restricted account to be loaned again under the same guidelines.

Other programs using CSBG funding include the Self Employment Training Program, which helps low-income people receive the training they need to start and operate their own small businesses, and the CSBG Scholarship Program, which helps low-income people receive formal education or occupational training, with emphasis on high technology or high growth occupations.

## Menus

### Granite City Public Schools

**Monday** - Manager's choice.  
**Tuesday** - Pizza, mixed vegetables, chilled apple sauce.  
**Wednesday** - Spaghetti with meat sauce, buttered vegetables, fruit cup.  
**Thursday** - Taco with cheese, lettuce and tomato, buttered vegetable, fruit cup.  
**Friday** - Fish sandwich on bun, macaroni and cheese, buttered vegetable, fruit cup.  
**Madison Public Schools**  
**Monday** - Cheeseburger, french fries, fruit cup.  
**Tuesday** - Sloppy joe on bun, baked beans, peaches.  
**Wednesday** - Chicken fried steak, whipped potatoes and gravy, green beans, gelatin.  
**Thursday** - Tacos with lettuce and tomatoes, buttered corn, pineapple.  
**Friday** - Grilled cheese sandwich, vegetable-beef soup, cherry crisp.

### Venice Public Schools

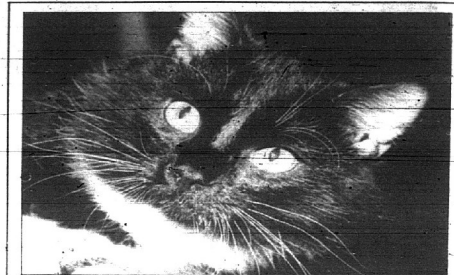
**Monday** - Hot dog on bun, buttered corn, pineapple chunks.  
**Tuesday** - Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, fruit cocktail.  
**Wednesday** - Manwich on bun, french fries, peaches.  
**Thursday** - Chicken with noodles, green beans, pears.  
**Friday** - Tuna noodle bake, peas, cookies.  
**Holy Family**  
**Monday** - Ravioli, sliced chicken, corn, lettuce salad, cherry muffin.  
**Tuesday** - Hamburger, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, slaw, pineapple.  
**Wednesday** - Tacos, cheese, lettuce, peas, apple sauce, strawberry jello.  
**Thursday** - Turkey and gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, celery and carrot sticks, pears.  
**Friday** - Tomato soup with crackers, grilled cheese sandwich, orange jello.

### St. Elizabeth

**Monday** - Hot dog on bun, baked beans, shoestring potato, chips, pudding with fruit.  
**Tuesday** - Hamburger on bun, french fries, buttered vegetables, fruit cup.  
**Wednesday** - Vegetable soup with crackers, grilled cheese sandwich, cupcake, fruit.  
**Thursday** - Tacos, cheese, lettuce, corn, pudding and fruit.  
**Friday** - Nachos with cheese, peanut butter sandwich, celery and carrots sticks, blueberry muffin.  
**St. Mary's, Madison**  
**Monday** - Caneloni, garlic bread, salad, corn, pears.  
**Tuesday** - Taco salad, baked beans, peaches.  
**Wednesday** - Chicken noodle soup, bologna sandwich, carrot sticks, raisins.  
**Thursday** - Meat loaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, apple sauce.

### Friday - Nachos and cheese, fish sticks, peas, pineapple.

**Senior Citizens**  
**Monday** - Cubed steak, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, banana pudding.  
**Tuesday** - Chicken and dumplings, green beans, peaches.  
**Wednesday** - Beef fritter with gravy, mashed potatoes, chef salad, biscuits, graham cracker.  
**Thursday** - Beef tips with gravy, noodles, spinach, pears.  
**Friday** - Beef stew with vegetables, chef salad, corn bread, apple sauce.  
**Head Start**  
**Monday** - Chicken noodle casserole with vegetables, diced pears.  
**Tuesday** - Taco shells, hot taco meat, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, fruit crisp.  
**Thursday** - Pork chow mein, meat, vegetables, rice, Chinese fried noodles, gelatin with fruit.  
**Friday** - Fish square on bun, corn, apple sauce.



**A PURR-FECT PET:** This 9-month-old male cat is available for adoption at the APA shelter, 5000 Old Alton Road. The black and white, long-haired male is available for adoption on Thursdays and Fridays from 4 to 7 p.m. and on Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, interested persons can call the shelter at 831-7030.

## County clerk hosts radio program

Madison County Clerk Evelyn M. Bowles will host a weekly radio call-in show on WRYT-1080 AM each Thursday at 9 a.m.

The program will be called "Know Your County Government" and the first show will be broadcast Thursday, Jan. 12.

"I'm excited about the show,"

said Miss Bowles. "It's a wonderful opportunity for members of county government and listeners to communicate."

"County government is the least understood and this will be an opportunity for listeners to get to know their government. It will also be an opportunity for

county officials to understand the needs of the people. It will be a two-way street," she said.

Bowles' first guest will be Harry A. Briggs Jr., Madison County regional superintendent of schools.

## Choosing right tax preparer requires care

When people are ready to choose a family physician or dentist, they normally make that decision with great care.

They should use the same if they decide this year to have a tax preparer do their return, advises the Internal Revenue Service.

Choosing a tax preparer is important because the taxpayer, not the tax preparer, is responsible for the accuracy of his tax return. To protect himself, the taxpayer should not sign a blank return or one which is only partially filled out. The taxpayer should be furnished a copy of the completed return for his records. The tax preparer is required by law to sign and date the return and to enter an identification number. Customers should be cautious of a tax preparer who promises a refund, boasts of ways to beat the tax system, or who claims to have a special relationship with the IRS.

Taxpayers can speed up the arrival of their tax refund checks and avoid errors by having their preparer use the peel-

off label from the front page of the tax forms package that comes to them in the mail. Also, they should give their preparer the pre-addressed, coded envelope that's inside their tax package.

The IRS has a 24-hour-a-day information service with more tips on choosing a tax preparer. Those interested should call Tele-Tax at 1-800-854-4477 and use the push buttons on their phone to request tax number 462.

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## Madison Co. Junior Miss entrants sought

The ninth annual Madison County Junior Miss Program is under way.

Girls in their junior year of high school are eligible to enter the scholarship program. Contestants will be judged on inter-

view, talent, youth fitness, poise and appearance, and scholastic achievement.

Sponsors said they would like for Granite City to have its own program this year, and if there

is enough interest in certain areas, the program will be divided into sections.

Any junior girls interested in joining Junior Miss may contact Kim Tynor at 1-377-1619.

## Seminar on real estate as career

Coldwell Banker Star Realtors, an independently owned and operated member of Coldwell Banker Residential Affiliates Inc., will be holding a free seminar on career opportunities in real estate.

This seminar will take place on Wednesday evening, Jan. 18, at 7 in the Coldwell Banker Star Office located at 3710d Nameki Road.

The seminar will include information on getting started in the real estate business, licensing and sales training programs, and the earnings potential of real estate associates.

Real estate classes will also be held in the office commencing on Jan. 23. These classes will be held every Monday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30, lasting for five weeks. For more information may call Coldwell Banker Star Realtors at 876-0024.

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In this week's Dollar Days Sale circular, we advertised on page 2 Starting Lineup basketball figures. 2 for \$7. Due to the vendor's inability to ship promptly, this merchandise will be available later in the week. We will gladly issue rain checks.

On page 4, we advertised video game cartridges for the Nintendo TV game system on sale for \$34. The Legend of Zelda game featured may not be in all stores due to the manufacturer's inability to ship adequate quantities. Also the Cobra Command game may be limited to 20 per store. We will issue rain checks on these video game cartridges.

Rival electric 1 cup potpourri crock model 3706 is advertised on page 6, reg. 16.99-19.99, on sale for \$6.12. Due to high customer demand during recent weeks, the snowglobes may be in limited quantities or not available in some stores. Unfortunately, rain checks cannot be issued.

We regret any inconvenience this may cause you.

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# MESD layoff affecting 16

**By Andy Siering**  
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — The Metro East Sanitary District laid off 16 maintenance workers Dec. 29 as a cost-saving measure, said Board President Walter "Shang" Greathouse.

The layoffs will save the district about \$35,000 a month, he said.

Greathouse said the district has about \$400,000 in reserve to get it through to August.

"That won't even take care of our payroll," he said, adding that the district is still owed at least \$250,000, he said.

"We're trying to get shaped up till we see if we've got enough money," Greathouse said.

The 16 workers were laid off in all parts of the district, Greathouse said. He said the layoffs would be of indefinite duration.

Three years ago, the district laid off 31 of its 60 workers for 90 days, Greathouse said.

At an MESD board meeting

Wednesday, Commissioner Bob Bergman of Cahokia complained mildly that the commissioners had not been informed of the layoffs in advance.

"As commissioners, we ought to know," Bergman said. "I feel like we're not being trusted."

Greathouse apologized and said that he would send a list of the laid-off workers to each of the four commissioners, and he promised to inform them of any future layoffs.

Greathouse said the district had been lucky because of low Mississippi River levels. Pumps have not had to run constantly, and that has caused savings in electric bills.

"It's given us a breathing spell," Greathouse said.

The district recently saved approximately \$30,000 by using its own personnel to rebuild the trash racks on a gate at its south pumping station in Cahokia, spending \$10,000 on materials only. If the district had contracted out the job the bill would have been at least \$40,000, Greathouse said.



(Staff photo by Patrick Foley)

**A RIBBON IS CUT** by Pontoon Beach Mayor Glen Wilson on Thursday officially opening Quality Beach Homes Inc. Participating in the ceremony, in the front row from left, are Janet Mills, a Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce ambassador, Bill Elmore, sales manager for the development;

Wilson; Don Peacock, president and developer, R.C. Bush, executive vice president of the chamber, and Lacey Randolph, a chamber ambassador. In the back row from left are Ed Kastins, Magna Bank of Granite City; Village Clerk Mary Warren; and Jack Cooper, a chamber ambassador.

## Alderman resigns

**By Mary Henderson**  
Staff affiliate

VENICE — Longtime Alderman John Fleig has resigned from the city council due to health reasons.

The council last Tuesday night accepted his resignation and approved the mayor's appointment of Phillip White as new alderman, to complete the unexpired term of Fleig.

Fleig said failing health was the reason for his resignation. He said to officials, "I have enjoyed most of the time I have been here as alderman."

In other business it was reported that the city will sponsor a march in conjunction with the NAACP for the observance of Martin Luther King Day. The march will begin at Line Alley and Market Street. There will also be a service preceding the march at the New Salem Missionary Baptist Church Sunday Jan. 15 at 4 p.m. Rev. Harold Wilson, president of the local chapter of the NAACP, is serving as contact.

Mayor Tyrone Echols informed the council that it will have to review the city's insurance program. "It is mandatory

that the city look for other insurance. Because of a premium increase in our present insurance, we currently pay up with the cost. I have been informed by a couple of insurance agents that we can beat the price that we currently pay. We don't have the finances to meet our current premium, and we don't want to be without insurance."

Alderman Charles Collins brought up the problem of burned houses on Warren Street in his ward. "People are really giving me problems about these houses on Jefferson, Robbins and Third street. The council initiated action to obtain demolition permits from Comptroller Roseann Koelker. There will then be bids let for the demolition projects later.

The council decided to immediately repair the city garbage truck, which has been banned from the dump because it is missing a wheel.

Alderman Silver Franklin is still pressing for new police cars. However, Mayor Echols told Franklin, "Other bills are more pressing. The police cars will come after the other bills are paid."

## Quality Beach Homes development open

Quality Beach Homes Inc., east of Illinois 111 and south of Kaseberg Lane, is in Phase 1 of four planned phases of development, according to Bill Elmore, sales manager.

"We're proud to announce the opening of what we feel is the best mobile home development

in Madison and St. Clair counties," Elmore said.

"Our motto is 'Quality homes at a quality price,'" he said.

The development includes 297 lots for places of mobile homes, 90 percent of which are either waterfront properties or are within view of Quality Lake.

Don Peacock is president of the corporation and the developer of the project.

The development is two miles south of Interstate 270 and one mile west of Interstate 255. Access is either through the Quiet Valley Subdivision on Marigold Avenue or from Pontoon Road (formerly Kaseberg Lane).

## Higher grain prices ease drought's effect

Higher grain prices in 1988 helped offset the drop in crop production brought on by last summer's severe drought, a study by Illinois State Comptroller Roland W. Burris shows.

The Illinois Department of Agriculture's latest estimate shows corn production of 684 million bushels, 517 million bushels below the 1987 production

level.

The corn yield dropped to an average of 72 bushels per acre, 60 bushels fewer than in 1987 and the lowest yield since 1960.

Soybean production, meanwhile, reached 235 million bushels in Illinois, 96 million bushels fewer than in 1987. The per-acre soybean yield was 27 bushels in 1988, 41 fewer than in 1987 and

the lowest statewide average yield since 1974.

Helping offset the drought-induced crop failures were rising grain prices in 1988, Burris said.

In November, the average price of corn was \$2.51 per bushel, 83 cents higher than the previous year.

For soybeans, the November price was \$7.40 per bushel, \$2.03 higher than a year earlier.

As crops wilted in the summer heat, Midwest farmland prices continued to rise. In the third quarter of 1988, farmland in the Chicago Federal Reserve Bank District was 3 percent above second quarter levels and 12 percent above the level a year ago.

## Child support payments may be deducted from paychecks as part of divorce decree

EDWARDSVILLE — Beginning Jan. 1, child support payments ordered as part of divorce decrees automatically are being deducted from paychecks under a new state law.

The law gives Illinois one of the toughest child support enforcement methods in the country and will affect several hundred parents each year in Madison County alone.

It does not affect child support ordered before 1989.

Under the previous state law, child support could be withheld from a paycheck only if the receiving parent asked a judge to do so or if the offending parent was substantially behind in his payments.

Under the new law, unless both parents and the judge agree to other means of payment, the child support amounts automatically will be deducted from paychecks, just like taxes.

Employers will be required to send the money to the circuit court clerk, who will pay the parent who has custody.

If the children are receiving welfare payments, the check will be sent to the Department of Public Aid.

Between 100 and 200 new child support orders are entered each month in Madison County, said Mike Vrabec of Circuit Clerk Willard Portell's office.

Only about 10 percent of those cases involve withholding money from a parent's paycheck, he said.

Vrabec said the new law will increase the amount of payments, but he could not estimate by how much.

In some cases where the parent responsible for child support does not hold jobs for long periods of time, the money may be difficult to collect. For example, construction workers hired out of union halls in the county often have several employers within a year and are unemployed at other times. It is difficult to arrange withholding in such cases, Vrabec said.

Legislators who backed the new law estimated it could bring up to \$14 million a year more in child support payments and save taxpayers money by taking people off welfare rolls who are there because spouses did not live up to their obligations.

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## Truck, auto crash; woman hurt

GRANITE CITY — A Venice woman sustained injuries in an accident involving her car and a tractor-trailer truck at 8:50 a.m. Jan. 3. The truck trailer sheared off a fire hydrant and hit a utility pole after the collision with the auto.

Ginger L. Knott, 23, of the 600 block of Jefferson Avenue, was driving north on Madison Avenue and struck driver John H. Humes, 46, of Shattuck, Ill., who was heading west on 20th Street.

Knott was taken by city ambulance to St. Elizabeth Medical Center, where she was treated for a rib fracture and was transferred to Anderson Hospital, Maryville.

Knott told police she applied the brakes on her auto but it skidded into the left rear tandem wheels of the truck. Her car stopped on the west corner of the intersection, near the Amoco Service Station.

The impact caused the truck trailer to be knocked over the curb on the north corner of the intersection, near the Clark Service Station, where it sheared off the hydrant and struck the pole.

The Fire Department's rescue and ambulance squads and police were joined at the scene by employees of Illinois Power Co. and Illinois-American Water Co.

## DUIs

### Arrested in Madison

Larry Joe Wood, 25, of the 1300 block of Rhodes, Granite City, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and driving while his license was suspended when arrested in the 1100 block of State Street, Madison, at 6:35 p.m. Dec. 24.

Wood was charged after he allegedly declined to take a breath test at the Madison Police Station. A mittimus was issued Dec. 27 following a court appearance in Granite City and he was transferred to the Madison County Jail in Edwardsville.

## Pontoon Beach

### Tapes taken in burglary

Lynn Spicer of Pontoon Beach reported Dec. 26 that a burglar entered his car while it was parked at the Lake View Restaurant in the 4100 block of Pontoon Road and stole cassette tapes, a garage door opener and a radar detector valued at \$100.

## Home jail term authorized

Illinois judges can sentence criminals to serve jail time in their own homes under a law that took effect Jan. 1.

Prisoners sentenced to serve time at home are fitted with electronic bracelets or anklets that can alert police if the person strays too far from his home telephone.

It may be another year before the law is used in Madison County, said Madison County Probation and Court Services Director Bob Astorian and Chief Circuit Judge P.J. O'Neill.

They said they eventually would like to use home incarceration, but the county does not have money in its budget now for the expensive electronic devices.

Another new law that took effect Jan. 1 could provide revenue for the alternative to jail and normal probation, however. That law allows judges to assess up to \$25 a month on all adults sentenced to probation.

O'Neill has ordered Madison County judges to use the new law whenever there is evidence a defendant can afford to pay the charge.

Money collected through the new fee will accumulate for a year before it is spent, Astorian said. He agreed with O'Neill that the electronic monitoring system probably would be the top priority then.

Astorian said it would cost \$100,000 to \$125,000 for 20 monitoring devices, which Astorian said probably would be a mini-

### Pontoon Beach arrest

Ronald G. Paschedag, 31, of the 1600 block of Clark Avenue was arrested at 1:20 a.m. Dec. 24 following an accident at Lakeview and Westgate drives in Pontoon Beach.

While he was driving on Lakeview, Paschedag's pickup truck left the roadway. It is said to have struck five shrubs in front of the Louis Whiteall residence on Westgate Drive and then hit a 1989 pickup truck parked in the driveway at Volle Basore's home on Westgate Drive.

Paschedag was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and driving too fast for conditions.

### Apartment floor damaged

A vacant apartment in the 4000 block of Oakmont Drive, owned by Limbaugh Construction Co., was damaged, it was reported Dec. 9. A lock was torn from the door and the kitchen floor was damaged.

Typically, electronic bracelets or anklets that can only be removed by a probation officer are used. In some systems, the device send a continuous signal through the prisoner's home telephone; in other systems a computer can call police if the person makes sure they are home.

While he and other county officials have attended seminars on home incarceration, Astorian said they "need to study more precisely how many probationers would be likely candidates here and the number of monitoring units that would be needed."

Madison County Sheriff's Department Chief Deputy Raymond Galloway said home incarceration would "free up more space in the county jail for more serious offenders."

He agreed with Astorian that it might be an ideal method for handling people who now are sentenced to serve weekends in jail.

Electronic-monitored home incarceration already has been used in Lake County north of Chicago and Jackson County near Carbondale.

The apparent success of the program in those counties prompted the Legislature to authorize it statewide.

## Madison

### Two hurt on Illinois 3

In a collision at 8:20 a.m. Dec. 29, Robert L. Jones, 18, of East St. Louis and a passenger in his car, Brian E. Caraway, 28, of the 300 block of West 2nd Street, Madison, were injured and taken by ambulance to St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Lonnie L. Cravens, 46, of Alton said he was driving north on Illinois 3 when Jones drove into the intersection from Bissell Street. Both vehicles skidded across the southbound lanes of the highway, ending up in the northwest corner of the intersection. Wet snow covered the pavement at the time of the accident.

### Injured after skid on ice

Donna F. Hacke, 43, of Riviera Drive, Granite City, was driving north at 11:55 p.m. Dec. 31 when she lost control of her Volkswagen on icy pavement. She sustained an injury when the car skidded across the southbound lanes of Illinois 203, went down an embankment and stopped against a tree.

## Granite City

### Man, 22, suffers beating

Glen Cunningham, 22, of the 3100 block of Kirkpatrick Homes, reported Dec. 26 that he was confronted by a man who struck him in the face with fists. Knocked him down and then continued hitting him until another man pulled the assailant off him.

Cunningham said the beating occurred in the 4300 block of the 1900 block of Clark Avenue. He sustained several cuts and abrasions to the face and swelling around the right eye.

### TVs, VCR, rings gone

When Tally Evans of the 1900 block of Clark Avenue returned home at 6 p.m. Dec. 30, he found the interior lights on inside his home. A rear door window had been broken, with the burglar reaching inside and unlocking the door.

Immediately determined to be missing were a 13-inch color television, a 19-inch color television, a video cassette recorder, a large number of rings, and cans of beer.

### License warrant served

Donald W. Craig, 31, of the 1600 block of Third Street, Madison, was taken to the Madison County Jail from the Madison Police Station at 2 a.m. Dec. 30 on a warrant alleging failure to appear on a charge of driving while his license was suspended.

### VCR taken by burglar

Maria M. King of Frontenac Lane reported Dec. 29 that a Quasar video cassette recorder valued at \$300 was stolen from her garage.

### Burglary investigation

Police are continuing to investigate an attempted burglary at the home of Mike Nickolich in the 2100 block of Lee Avenue where officers responded at 1 a.m. Dec. 30 to a call that a burglary might be in progress.

Nickolich heard a scratching noise and glass breaking as if someone was attempting to enter the rear door. When he looked outside he saw shadowy figures at the rear of the house. Two men walking nearby in an alley were questioned by police.

### Truck stripped, located

A 1987 Chevrolet pickup truck reported stolen Dec. 24 from Travis Kleffer in St. Louis was recovered in the 900 block of State Street at 2:45 a.m. Dec. 28.

Most of the front end of the vehicle was missing, including all sheet metal, hood, grille, radiator, fenders, bumper, both doors and the battery. The steering column was broken and the ignition had been punched.

### Trailer burglarized

Assorted tools and equipment were taken in a trailer burglary at EME Co., located at the former Laclede Steel complex on South Washington Avenue, it was reported by Joe Addotta, foreman, at 6:30 a.m. Jan. 3.

Four grinders, a drill and two dusk-to-dawn lights were among the items taken. Also missing were clamps, hand tools, a torch, gauges, hoses, extension cords and 400 feet of welding lead. Entry was gained by prying a lock from the trailer.

### Burglar frightened away

Betty Van Gilder of the 2200 block of Lincoln Avenue said she may have scared off a burglar who tried to get inside a basement window and then forced open a rear door. Missing from the house was cash totaling \$10, she reported Dec. 31.

### Burglar loots vehicle

An in-dash digital AM-FM cassette stereo radio valued at \$159, an equalizer worth \$40 and a speaker valued at \$50 were taken from the parked auto of Gary L. Gaskins of the 1700 block of Ferguson Avenue, he reported Dec. 31.

### Three-vehicle mishap

An accident at 9 a.m. Jan. 1 involved vehicles driven by Claude Miller of Shirvini Drive, Arlington Heights, and Ronald R. Kagy of the 3800 block of Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach. They were waiting at the traffic light on Illinois 162 at Maryville Road when a pickup truck operated by Anthony L. Godair, 20, of the 2700 block of Idaho Avenue, skidded into Kagy's car.

The impact knocked the car against the Miller auto, Kagy, 32, sustained an injury and was taken by ambulance to St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Godair was ticketed for driving too fast for conditions.

Due to road blockage and for the safety of the drivers, Miller and Godair were asked to sit in the squad car until their vehicles could be moved.

While getting into the car, Miller, 66, reportedly slipped in the snow and reached for the car door, wrapping his fingers around the

### Arrested on warrants

Donna Faye Nelson, 29, of the 300 block of Thomas Terry Apartments, Brooklyn, was arrested Jan. 2 at the Gateway Midstate Truck Plaza, 699 Illinois 203, on two failure-to-appear warrants on misdemeanor charges issued by St. Clair County. She was transferred to St. Clair custody.

### \$125 stolen from driver

Harry E. Nintz Jr., a driver for Jona Trucking Co. of Wisconsin, reported Jan. 2 that a woman jumped on the running board of his truck while he was parking at the Gateway Midstate Truck Plaza, 699 Illinois 203. After he told the woman to get away, Nintz noticed his wallet was missing. He found it on the ground outside the vehicle, minus \$125.

The woman was between 5 feet 4 inches and 5 feet 6 inches tall and of chunky build. She was wearing jeans and a black coat. A second woman with her wore a gray fur hat and jeans, the driver said.

When the door was accidentally closed by the other passenger, Miller suffered a deep laceration to the middle finger of his right hand and went to the medical center for treatment. He had five sutures taken to close the injury.

### Driver of auto injured

Mary J. Creed, 65, of St. Louis sustained an injury Dec. 30 when her car and a pickup truck, operated by Dennis E. Mayes, 52, of the

## Dispositions

### Sentenced for forgery

Curtis D. Spink, 24, of the 2400 block of Logan Avenue, was sentenced Dec. 27 to three years in prison for forgery. Spink was convicted of forging the name of a doctor on a prescription for 48 tablets of Empirin #4 and attempting to fill it at the Granite City K mart pharmacy on Oct. 12, 1987.

### Probation for drugs

Charles E. Merritt, 22, of the 1000 block of Reynolds Street, Madison, was sentenced Dec. 2 to two years probation and fined \$1,620 for possession of a controlled substance. Following surveillance by an Illinois State Police special agent July 12, Merritt was caught with less than five grams of LSD.

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### Sentenced for robbery

Johnnie N. Phiffer, 27, of the 100 block of Grenzer Homes, Madison, was sentenced Dec. 16 to six years in a state prison for robbery. Phiffer was convicted after a Nov. 30 incident in which he robbed a Granite City Checker Cab driver of \$20.

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## Locals host guests for New Year's; Mitchell School Scouts plant bulbs

Lucille Healy of West Chain of Rocks Road enjoyed the company of her son, Army Sgt. James Healy, for the holidays.

Healy was home on a four-day leave from Fort Hood, Texas, where he has been stationed since November. Before being transferred to Fort Hood, he had served two years in Germany.

Mrs. Healy accompanied her son back to Texas where she spent the New Year's weekend. She returned home Jan. 2.

Clifford and Maxine Duniphan of Chouteau Avenue and Mrs. Duniphan's sister, Lucille Colbert of Chouteau Avenue have returned from Kinder, Mo., where they spent the weekend with their mother, Lillian Carver.

All eight of Carver's children were present for a chili supper on New Year's Eve. They stayed overnight, and on Sunday morning celebrated a combined New Year's Day and a belated Christmas. Following breakfast, Christmas gifts were opened and pictures were taken around the tree before relatives attended church services. Following a turkey dinner with all the trimmings, the afternoon was spent playing games, taking pictures and visiting.

Others present were: Ruth Payne of Puxico, Mo.; Eugene and Nadine Carver of McGee, Mo.; Eula Beck of St. Louis; Ada and Steve Coburn and daughter, Amy, of Chatham, Ill.; Earl and Ruth Carver and son, Kent, of Wappello, Mo.; and Jerry Carver of Dexter, Mo.

Tom and Nancy Colbert and daughters Shelly and Mendy of Chouteau Avenue were hosts during the New Year's weekend to Mrs. Colbert's sister and brother-in-law, Rick and Judy Cooper of Olathia, Kan.

Mrs. Cooper, a teacher in Olathia, arrived in a snowstorm. Her husband arrived Friday by Amtrak.

The Colberts, Mrs. Cooper, sisters Linda Brinkmeyer and her husband, Kevin, and a brother, Dan Rinehart, and his wife, June, met Cooper at the Amtrak station. They later toured Union Station and enjoyed dinner at there before shopping and sight-seeing.

Ron and Debbie Rinehart of Nemoak Road hosted a New

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By Maxine Duniphan  
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Year's Eve Party for family and friends. The evening was spent playing games and opening belated Christmas presents.

In attendance besides the hosts and their children, Ron Jr., Josh and Sara, were: Wanda Rinehart; Edith Nagel; Rick and Judy Cooper; Bob and Pam Rinehart and son, Rob; Tom and Nancy Colbert and daughters, Shelly and Mendy; John and Pam Moran and children Amy and Joey; Penny Dummit and daughters, Jamie and Jenna; Jean Martin; Steve and Dawn Crow; Rita Rivas; and Vasil Graville.

The Mitchell "Bunko Club" members met at the home of Norma Jean Bennett on Dec. 8 and later traveled to the Den Restaurant, where they celebrated their annual Christmas party.

Present were: Julia Homola, Alice Pruvett, Mary McKinnon, Barbara Pulmer, Millie Smith, Schaebe, Karen Orr and Dorothy Castle.

The next regular meeting will be Jan. 12 in the home of Bennett.

The Mitchell PTA, the Illinois PTA and the National PTA are sponsoring "Reflections," a program designed to encourage creative expression among children and youth in visual arts as painting, drawing, collage, printmaking, textiles, music and photography. The program includes students in kindergarten through sixth grade.

The 1988-89 theme is "Proud Experience." The student interpretation of the theme may be anything in which they or others have felt pride.

Lyn Votoupal, district PTA director, will be available to answer questions by phone at 797-6762.

Mitchell School Girl Scouts were busy planting red and yellow tulip bulbs from Nov. 21 through Dec. 1.

The bulbs, purchased by the Mitchell PTA, were planted along the driveway and at the front of the school building.

Scouts participating in the planting were:

Daisy Troop 328, Amanda Coppoteill, Sunset Bristow, Alissa Anderson, Brittany Courtois, Amy Crites, Sarah Doty, Teresa McCoy, Rhea Miller, Sara Myers, Shannon Paoli, Kendall Rinehart, Amanda Rinehart, Patricia Thurman, Angela Valdez, Kara Wallace and Dorina Knight, a teacher at Mitchell School.

Brownie Troop 27, Shena Scrum, Natalia Boroski, Alaina Torys, Carla Sutphin, Emily Worthen, Lindsey Crook, Emily Richardson, Sara Baxter, Andria Baxter, Kim Edrecht, Jamie Alexander, Nicole Voss, Amanda Isbercht, Crystal McGlawn and leader Angie McGlawn and co-leaders Barb Isbercht and Sherri Sutphin.

Brownie Troop 143, Robin Bloomquist, Sheri Briggs, Shannon Cuvar, Andrea Dillard, Liz Miller, Angela Potter, Natalie Voss, Sarah Gieson, Casey Leibold, and leaders Pam Gieson and Rose Gaudreault.

Brownie Troop 210, Amanda Angie, Cheryl Arnold, Shannon Colbert, Melissa David, Natalie Denny, Melissa Edwards, Gretchen Geison, Kimberly Greer, Dena Harper, Vicky Hosty, Katie Kaminski, Samantha Loyet, Jennifer Milan, A. Oliver, Carrie Richardson, Tabatha Sillers, Amanda Taylor, Stacy Wampler, Karla Williams, Jessica Mefford, Holly Ryan, Amy Skalsky, Lisa Rinehart, Julie Wilkinson and Amy Cope, with the help of co-leaders Dawn Wilkinson and Robin Rinehart.

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JAMIE LYNN PAGANO, 23 months, won an overall photogenic winner and divisional photogenic winner in the 'Kids of America Beauty Pageant.' She was sponsored by J. M. Amusement Co. of Collinsville and is the daughter of Mike and Linda Pagano of Granite City.

### Dennis Durbins name child Daniel

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Durbin of Sycamore, Ill., formerly of Granite City, became the parents of their first child, a son, born Dec. 28 at Kishwaukee Hospital in DeKalb.

The infant has been named Daniel Jak. He weighed 5 pounds, 8 ounces. The mother is the former Linda Saik of New York.

Paternal grandparents are Raymond Durbin of Florissant, Mo., formerly of Granite City, and the late Vyvyan Durbin, Luneta Durbin of Granite City is the great-grandmother.

David Saik of Spencer, N.Y., and Nancy Williams of Waverly, N.Y., are the maternal grandparents. Margaret Williams of Waverly is the maternal great-grandmother.

Durbin is music director in the Sycamore School District.

### Jerry Thomasons have second son

Jerry and Sandra Thomason of St. Charles have announced the birth of their second child, Brett Michael, born at 4:01 a.m. Dec. 3 at St. John's Mercy Center in St. Louis County.

The infant weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

The couple has another son, Matthew Cole, who will be 2 on April 2.

Mrs. Thomason is the former Sandra Edwards of Granite City. Grandparents are Mary and Cliff Edwards and Joyce and Franklin Thomason, all of Granite City.



EAGLES STATE Presidents Charles Landfried and Stephanie Smith will visit the Granite City Eagles Home on Jan. 13 through 15.

## State presidents to make weekend visit at Eagles

Eagles State Presidents Charles "Rabbit" Landfried and Stephanie Smith will visit the Granite City Eagles Home, 2558 Madison Ave., on Friday through Sunday, Jan. 13 to 15.

Landfried will be accompanied by his wife, Dorothy, and Mrs. Smith will be accompanied by her husband, Michael, past state president.

Among other Eagles officers — grand aerie, state aerie, district and local who will attend the weekend will be Judge Robert Hansen, editor of Eagle publications and past grand worthy president.

Also attending will be Red McCawley, Chris Kubatzke, Jack Rountree, Virgil Goeh, Bernie Spradlin, Arlon Wendling, Bob Stanton, Harold Love, William Hemken, Guido Gasperin, Bill Lepping, Bill Walter, Ellis Wiseman, Charles Cuoco, Frank Kaufman, James Whirledge, Don Horn, Bob Higan, Ken Spencer, Elmer Deloney.

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Many congressman, state and local politicians have also accepted invitations to attend. On Jan. 13, the Eagles Home will host an informal get-acquainted evening for the guests. The agenda for Jan. 14 includes cocktails at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m., speeches at 7:30 p.m. and entertainment at 9 p.m. by the band Third Wind.

On Jan. 15, the local Eagles Home will host the monthly meeting of Aerie District 7, at which time there will be an installation of new district officers and a class initiation of new members for the Granite City Aerie.

A dinner will be served after the meeting, local Presidents Bob Hogan and Susie Oliver said.

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## Program to honor Dr. King at New Salem Missionary

The New Salem Missionary Baptist Church, 1349 Klein St., Venice, will celebrate the seventh annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. anniversary program at the church at 4 p.m. Jan. 15.

The program in the New Salem Fellowship Hall will commemorate the national holiday of the birthday of the slain civil rights leader, said the Rev. John Henry Williams, pastor. The national observance and federal

holiday is scheduled Monday, Jan. 16.

The Rev. Seanes Boyce Jr., pastor of Memorial Baptist Church, St. Louis, will be guest speaker.

"Let us keep the dream alive, Williams said. 'Every-one is welcome to attend the program.'

The New Salem Christian Board of Education is sponsoring the event, Williams said.

## Scout roundtable to discuss child abuse

The featured topic of the monthly roundtable of the Union District, Cahokia Mound Council, will be child abuse.

The roundtable will be held at Coolidge Junior High School at

7:30 p.m. Tuesday. Don Szymula of the Illinois Children and Family Services will speak on "Child Abuse: Signs and How to Recognize Them."

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# Entertainment

## Hunter picks top 10 in '88

By Frank Hunter

It's that fence-sitting time of year again when we paw through the litter of 1988 films, heaving bowls of compliments with one hand and rocks with the other.

Hunter's pudding of the best and worst is served with the caveat that everything is relative.

Nevertheless, I found few films on the 10 best and nothing at all to justify the pathetic, exploitive, unamusing, artless and grotesque 10 worst "attractions" apart from making some money for the producers.

The films below were released in the St. Louis area between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31 of 1988 and are in no particular order.

**"IRONWEED"**: Director Hector Babenco's powerful treatment of Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist William Kennedy's rambling screenplay, with Jack Nicholson and Meryl Streep playing skid row sots irrigating their sorrows with whiskey and gin. It was bleak and depressing, but the stars turned in masterful performances.

**"BIRD"**: Clint Eastwood's impressionistic memoir with Forest Whitaker in a brilliant performance as mercurial jazz saxophonist Charlie "Bird" Parker, who chased women, married four of them, chain-smoked Camels, picked his liver with alcohol and became a coper with dope before his untimely death.

**"EIGHT MEN OUT"**: Vivid characters, fine performances, a jazzy musical score and a deft screenplay and direction by John Sayles made this an entertaining study of the Black Sox baseball scandal and rigging of the 1919 World Series.

**"A HANDFUL OF DUST"**: Director Charles Sturges' gorgeous filming of Evelyn Waugh's satirical novel that examined a pair of indolent aristocrats occupying one of the vast country houses described by writer Virginia Woolf as "padded lunatic asylums known, euphemistically, as the stately homes of England." The performances, music, cinematography and direction were superb.

**"DELANEY STREET"**: Joan Micklin Silver's enjoyable comedy looked at Jewish matchmaking, with Amy Irving living alone and liking her job at a New York book store until her meddling grandmother "Bubbe" (Yiddish actress Reizl Bozky), set her up with a pickle peddler (Peter Kieger) with a quiet sense of humor.

**"STAND AND DELIVER"**: The engaging true-life account of Jaime Escalante, the plucky East Los Angeles high-school math teacher who moved heaven and earth to educate inner-city kids with his revolutionary methods. Edward James Olmos brought the incredibly clever, warmly manipulative teacher to life in a meticulous performance.

**"MOONSTRUCK"**: Director Norman Jewison's cocky romantic comedy written by John Patrick Stanley, with Cher, Nicholas Cage, Olympia Dukakis, Danny Aiello and Vincent Gardenia joining some likable supporting players in a whimsical, sentimental ode to an eccentric Italian-American family living in Brooklyn, N.Y.

**"THINGS CHANGE"**: Dry and amusing fable of mistaken identities with Joe Mantegna as Mafia underboss and Don Ameche in one of his finest performances as an immigrant shoeshine man willing to take

the rap for the murder of a mob big shot in return for a fishing boat and sanctuary in Sicily.

**"GORILLAS IN THE MIST"**: Sigourney Weaver delivered a riveting performance as the late Dian Fossey, the tough-minded American naturalist who lost her life protecting the endangered gorillas of Rwanda. Africa. An informative, gripping, occasionally depressing film, but one that stuck in the mind.

**"THE GOOD MOTHER"**: Screenwriter Michael Bortman turned Sue Miller's novel about child abuse and a custody brawl into a trenchant film highlighted by Diane Keaton's strong performance. Keaton played Anna Dunlap, divorced and struggling to handle a dual relationship between her 6-year-old daughter and a lover who introduced her to what Dr. Ruth Westheimer terms "good sex."

**"THE IRON HORSE"**: How about that sailboat disaster "Midnight Crossing," the dull aerial warfare sequel "Iron Eagle II," the artful mess "Sista"; the lurid shocker "Bad Dreams"; and the emotionally untidy "For Keeps," which made light of teen-age pregnancy as Molly Ringwald draped herself in maternally clothes and trotted off to the senior prom.

There was Chuck Norris' atrociously written, carnage-filled "Braddock: Missing in Action III"; another version of "The Blob" that resurrected the vile and greasy eating machine with its noxious quilt of oozing acid; the tiresome circus comedy "Big Top Pee-Wee"; the horribly dated and directed "Young Guns"; and the disgustingly exploitive "Nightmare on Elm Street IV," which Freddy Krueger, the bastard son of a hundred maniacs, killed more people than Vlad the Impaler.



MERYL STREEP, second from left, and Jack Nicholson, second from right, visit The Gilded Cage bar in 'Ironweed.'

## Astrology is fun for some, but never a scientific tool

Astrology is a very old activity of mankind. Many early civilizations, such as the ancient world, had astrologers who provided information and ideas to rulers.

It all started because of the motion of the sun and the moon, as well as the planets. Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn moved around the sky as bright points of light, so a great deal of attention was paid to them by astrologers.

Because astrologers had information about these heavenly bodies, the astrologers assumed important positions. They also tried to predict the future based on the position of the planets. Occasionally, a ruler would have an astrologer killed for making an incorrect prediction. So astrology has a somewhat lurid history in not making good on its promises.

But people have always wanted to look into the future and to some people astrology is the way

to do it. But being realistic about the situation, astrology is mostly mumbo-jumbo nonsense. Attempts at predicting the future are fraught with uncertainty and astrology does not help one bit.

There are a variety of astrology columns in newspapers. All of them are trying to decipher the future, but even astrologers cannot agree among themselves.

From a strictly rational point of view, it is difficult to understand how the position of Mars, or any other celestial body at the time of one's birth, can have any lasting effect on that individual's fortunes. Most people are born in a hospital with doctors and nurses hovering over them and batteries of lights gleaming. These nearby objects and lights should have considerable more influence than the feeble gravity of a planet distant in space.

A few scientific studies have been done involving astrology; some have examined sporting events, such as hitting home runs or winning tournaments. A comparison with birthdays shows no correlation whatsoever. Similar studies involving successful businessmen show no correlation with birthdays. And, when people were asked to describe themselves as radical, liberal, conservative, or moderate, there was no correlation with birthdays.

The results all show a completely random distribution.

Astrology may be believed by a great many people who look to see into the future, but the facts show that astrology is worthless.

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## In 'Twist of Fate,' S.S. thug gets taste of own medicine

"Twist of Fate," a movie of startling concept and film, is a Dickensian coincidence, propels the 1989 television schedule with a flourish.

"Twist of Fate," a two-part movie that airs at 8 p.m. today (Sunday) and on Monday on KSDK-TV (Channel 5), is an intriguing turn on a familiar dramatic atrocity during World War II.



By Mark Bretz

Ben Grossman plays an aristocrat, a Prussian colonel, an engineer who works to "perfect" his chambers the Nazis used to kill more than 6 million Jews during the war. When the colonel realizes the inevitability of a German defeat, he blackmails an S.S. doctor into transforming his features through revolutionary plastic surgery, thus changing his identity.

His new identity, ironically, is that of Benjamin Grossman, a German Jew from Hamburg who came to the United States to avoid the Nazis. Grossman believes he will be quickly liberated by advancing Allied forces. But the twist of fate puts Grossman in the camp at Belsen, not the one in France he had chosen. He meets himself, so to speak, face to face as the German soldiers treat him like all the other prisoners.

Not nearly as compelling as "Twist of Fate" is another made-for-television movie titled "The Comeback," which airs at 8 p.m. today (Sunday), on KMOV-TV (Channel 4). Ulrich portrays Scotty Malloy, a one-time gridiron hero for the University of Minnesota Vikings, who decides to end his wanderlust at age 42 and return to Minneapolis for a new life.

As with Ben Grossman, however, Scotty learns that he cannot really outrun his past but must instead come to terms with it. Along the way, he attempts to establish a relationship with his college-age son Bo (Mitchell Anderson), whom he has seen only sporadically through the years.

Surviving the war, Grossman is thrust into a series of circumstances, some improbable, some more plausible, that find him in Palestine as the state of Israel is created. He falls in love with and marries an Israeli soldier (Veronica Hamel) and they have a son Daniel, who, 25 years later, goes to Europe to work on a documentary on war criminals.

Weekend Stretchers: You no longer have to buy a vowel to watch Pat Sajak. Instead, you can tune in to Sajak's new late-night talk show, which debuts at 11 p.m. Monday on Channel 4.

The 90-minute program is the latest of shows sent to battle the king of late-night television, Johnny Carson on NBC.

Channel 4 will not attempt to go head-to-head with Carson, pushing Sajak's show to 11 p.m. CBS is betting, though, that Sajak's popularity from the immensely successful "Wheel of Fortune" game show will give him a built-in audience.

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## Ghostbusters plot revealed

After months of secrecy, the word is out on the plot of "Ghostbusters II." The cameras in Hollywood at Columbia Pictures.

In the sequel, the Ghostbusters have gone bankrupt after freeing New York City from the spirit of Gozer and the attack of giant Stay-Puft marshmallow man. But it seems the city of New York has slimed the Ghostbusters by successfully suing them for all the damage caused when they freed the city.

## Joyner-Kersee to join salute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Olympic Gold Medalist and East St. Louis native Jackie Joyner-Kersee will join McDonald's Restaurants of St. Louis and Metro East area media celebrities, local dignitaries and more than 3,000 high school students as the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is honored in special ceremonies at the Kiel Opera House on Jan. 11.

The program, "1989 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St. Louis, Mo., Support Group Student Awards Day," will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Joyner-Kersee's appearance is being sponsored by McDonald's Restaurants of St. Louis and Metro East. Joyner-Kersee, the featured speaker on the program, will deliver her talk titled,

"The McDonald's Dream Machine."

She won gold medals in the heptathlon (100-meter hurdles, high jump, shot put, 200-meter dash, long jump, javelin and 800-meter run) and long jump competition during the recent 1988 Summer Olympics, which was held in Seoul, South Korea.

In addition to Joyner-Kersee, featured participants in the program will include the Betty Thompson and John Moten, Dr. Henry Givens, the Rev. James DeClue, the St. Louis School Band, the Beaumont High School Choir, the St. Louis School of Visual and Performing Arts, Rabbi Lucy J.F. Dinner, and Charles Alphin.

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of the role played by the Science Center in science education," said Dr. Dennis M. Wint, Science Center president.

Popular attractions in 1988 were "I See the Moon," family planetarium show that ran January through November; Monsanto to Science Park, which was dedicated in April; "Microscopes" exhibit, May-July; Summer Trek programs; Festival of Flight, July; "Dinosaurs!" exhibit, August-October; and "Wolves and Humans" exhibit, October-Jan. 22.

"We are now looking forward to the opening of 'Clips and Changes,' a new permanent exhibit that opens in the gallery Feb. 10," says Wint. "This exhibit explores the impact of the use of the microprocessor chip upon businesses, homes and our personal lives."

## Movie executives look toward '89

By Harry Hamm  
Staff affiliate

Here is a peek at the 1989 wish lists of two executives in the St. Louis area film exhibition industry.

John Louis, vice president of Wehrenberg Theaters: "I hope 1989 is a better year for us than 1988. The first quarter of 1988 was very strong, the second quarter was soft. The summer was great and then things slumped in the fall. The current year-end season looks good, but we would like to see consistent business level all year round in 1989.

"St. Louis moviegoers deserve to see a good selection of films

all the time, not just during certain seasons. We need a better product in all seasons, especially for the adult segment of the moviegoing public."

Richard Walsh, division vice president of AMC: "We're looking forward to 1989 being the year that all the capital costs that have been expended by exhibitors everywhere in putting up so many new theaters and new screens will start to pay some dividends. There was a building boom between 1985 and '88 when massive capital expenditures were made. We hope that 1989 is the year those investments will start showing a return."

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